

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 14 - Pastor Mark Voss – September 10, 2017

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN - "*Evening and Morning*"

CW 430

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Pause for silence

ALL: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take
re-fuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter - nal; it stands firm in the
heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con - tin-ues for - ev-er. Oh, taste and see that the
Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

The Church will stand forever

OLD TESTAMENT

Joshua 4:1-9 – *Rocks still speak*

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight." So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Alleluia.



Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20 – *The Keys of the Kingdom*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY- "*The Church's One Foundation*"

CW 538 vv 1-3

SERMON SERIES



Become a 1st Century Church – Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common.

⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING AND FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SIGNING

HYMN – “Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert”

CWS 709

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Christ, your foot-prints through the des - ert Led to Jor - dan's flow - ing stream.
Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by Jor - dan's bank you stood;
Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at last to Cal - v'ry's hill.
God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with Christ, our ris - en Lord;



There you heard the her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic dream:
Bathed, though sin - less, with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing flood.
There up - on the cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's will
Freed us, claimed us, cleansed for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the Word.



"He is com - ing He is com - ing! He will cleanse the earth with flame!"
High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the Spir - it as a dove;
Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing Sin - less, yet for sin - ners slain.
Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing us to serve you now.



Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
Spoke a voice be - yond all hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"
But where death rose up to tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!
Send us forth, your sons and daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

P: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

P: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

P: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affections and their care.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

P: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

CHILDREN'S LESSON

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, live in harmony with one another, serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you his peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING VERSES – “The Church’s One Foundation”

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Text, Music, Setting: Public Domain

**Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.**

Family Festival: Join us from 11:30a to 1:30p for food, fellowship and fun!

Town/Voter Meeting: Join us next Sunday, September 17th, at 9:15a. Your input is appreciated.

Presentation on the Life and Times of Martin Luther: Last minute guests are welcome! Saturday, September 16, at Zion Lutheran Church, 2600 S Wadsworth. We start at 8:30a with registration and continental breakfast, lunch will be provided and we will wrap up at 4:30p.

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.